APPENDIX

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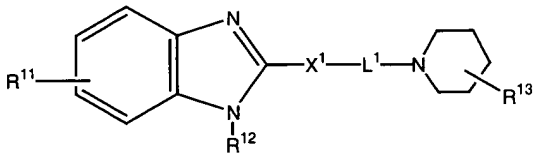
IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

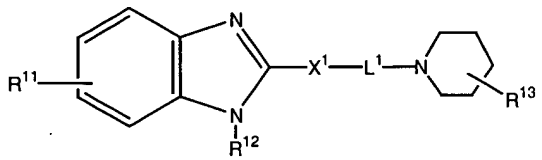
7. (amended) A benzimidazole compound represented by the following formula (II) or a salt thereof:



wherein, R^{11} represents one or more functional groups on the benzene ring selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, and a lower alkoxy group; R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an acyl group; R^{13} represents one or more functional groups on the piperidine ring selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, ~~an aryl group~~a phenyl group which may be substituted, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, an acyl group, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group and an alkoxycarbonyl group; L^1 represents a C_4-C_8 alkylene group; and X represents O, S, or methylene group.

10. (twice amended) The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 7, wherein R^{13} is a functional group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, ~~an aryl group~~a phenyl group which may be substituted, a hydroxy group, and a cyano group.

21. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound represented by the following formula (II)



wherein, R^{11} represents one or more functional groups on the benzene ring selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, and a lower alkoxy group; R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an acyl group; R^{13} represents one or more functional groups on the piperidine ring selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, ~~an aryl group~~a phenyl group which may be substituted, a hydroxyl group, an alkoxy group, an amino group, an acyl group, a cyano group, a carbamoyl group and an alkoxycarbonyl group; L^1 represents a C_4-C_8 alkylene group; and X represents O, S, or methylene group, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, and a pharmaceutical additive.